

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF
STEPHEN JOHN COUGHLIN ET AL.
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP 03/04259
FILED: APRIL 24, 2003
FOR: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
IMPARTING IMPROVED RHEOLOGY ON
PIGMENT BASED INKS AND PAINTS
U.S. APPLICATION NO:
35 USC 371 DATE:

Group Art Unit:
Examiner:

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the present Preliminary Amendment to place the instant claims in better condition for examination on their merits.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.